

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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5 1 A container for wetted wipes, comprising a container body, a stationary cover being removably fitted on, or integrated to said container body, said stationary cover comprising at least one dispensing opening through which the container contents is removable, a movable lid which is movably attached to said stationary cover, or is an integral movable part of the stationary cover, so as to reversibly close said dispensing opening, the container being characterized in that a gas-proof means is located between said stationary cover and said movable lid, for providing a gas-tight barrier between the inside and the outside of the container when the movable lid is in the closed position.

10 2. A container according to claim 1, wherein a spring element is located between said stationary cover and said movable lid, and is charged with an elastic energy when the movable lid is in closed position.

15 3. A container according to any of the preceding claims, wherein a locking mechanism is located between the stationary cover and the movable lid for releasably securing the movable lid in the closed position onto the stationary cover.

20 4. A container according to claim 3, wherein the locking mechanism comprises a protrusion of the stationary cover which engages against a corresponding protrusion of the movable lid, and a push-button means vv

25 5. A container according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the push-button means is an elastically deformable portion of the stationary cover, said push-button means being located near enough to the protrusions of the stationary cover and the movable lid, to disengage said protrusion of the movable lid from said protrusion of the stationary cover when said push-button is pressed, thus releasing the movable lid into the open position.

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6. A container according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the spring element is a metallic single or multiple winding coil spring with elongated ends.
7. A container according to claims 1 to 5, wherein the spring element is made out of a synthetic or natural rubber-like material.
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8. A container according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the gas-tight means is a gasket seal which is located along the periphery of the dispensing opening.
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9. A container according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the gasket seal is made out of a silicone elastomer.
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10. A container according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the gasket seal is applied as one or several liquid components which are mixed and then cured in place.
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11. A container according to claims 1 to 9, wherein the gas-tight means is a preformed element fitted into a groove of the stationary cover.
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12. A container according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the gasket seal is substantially compressed all along its periphery when the movable lid is in the closed position.
13. A container according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the stationary cover comprises ribs and grooves which fit into corresponding ribs and grooves of the container body, said stationary cover being adjustably attached to said container body so that the resulting assembling surfaces are edgeless.

14. A container according to claims 1 to 12, wherein the stationary cover is an integral part of the top side of the container body, the bottom side of the container body comprising a refill opening which is closed by a removable cover.

15. A container according to any of the preceding claims, which is to be used for disinfectant wipes which are folded for removal one by one from the container.

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